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Iowa Veterans Home to Host Sixth Music Festival on September 6

Residents and staff of the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) invite the Marshalltown area community to attend the Sixth Annual Don Laughlin Music Festival on Saturday, September 6th for a celebration of music and arts. The event will take place near the shelter house in the Southeast parking lot.

The Festival is named after IVH resident and Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, Don Laughlin, who has spearheaded the IVH Music Festival efforts since its inception. Don believes in the power of music and is excited about community members coming and sharing this day with the veterans.

The Music Festival brings together residents, staff, community members, volunteers, and members of veteran organizations across the state. IVH staff and volunteers also participate in the planning of the event. IVH Music Therapist Kim Marsh says, "this event showcases the many talents of our residents and provides a full day of music free of charge for everyone who comes."

The event kicks off at 10:45 am with the opening ceremonies. Major Day will perform at 11:00 am, Lincoln Highway Band at 12:30 pm, a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers at 2:00 pm followed by a Veteran's Talent Hour, Route 66 will perform at 2:45, and closing ceremonies are scheduled for 4:15. All performances are free and open to the public.

The IVH Music Festival will also feature an art exhibit. The exhibit includes IVH residents' original pieces created for the event. The public is encouraged to visit the IVH gift shop where items in wood, ceramics, and textile, crafted by IVH residents, are offered for sale.

Food will be served from 11 am to 1 pm for a free-will donation. The menu includes pork burgers, chips, brownies, lemonade, ice tea and water.

"Without the generosity of sponsors like Lennox Industries, Swift & Co., Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel, Hy-Vee, Cliff Wilson, Cyclone Corvettes Inc., Green Products, Sara Lee, Reinhart, this event would not be possible," says the Music Festival namesake Don Laughlin.

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[photo] IVH staff member and Country Music Hall of Famer Don Laughlin perform at the IVH Music Festival